

CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION TIME

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Mark B. Madsen

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill enacts provisions related to holding a public hearing before decreasing classroom instruction time in public schools.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines a term;
- ▶ requires a local school board or charter school governing board to hold a public hearing before decreasing classroom instruction time; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53A-3-432, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53A-3-432** is enacted to read:

53A-3-432. Public notice and hearing prior to decreasing classroom instruction



28 **time.**

29 (1) As used in this section, "classroom instruction time" means time spent by a teacher
30 working directly with a student.

31 (2) Before decreasing classroom instruction time as compared to the previous school
32 year, a local school board or charter school governing board shall:

33 (a) hold a hearing where members of the public are provided a reasonable opportunity
34 to comment on the decrease of classroom instruction time; and

35 (b) provide notice of the hearing as described in Subsection (4).

36 (3) The hearing described in Subsection (2)(a) may be time during a local school board
37 or charter school governing board meeting, if the local school board or charter school
38 governing board provides notice of the meeting as described in Subsection (4).

39 (4) A local school board or charter school governing board shall provide notice of a
40 hearing described in Subsection (2)(a):

41 (a) that includes:

42 (i) the reason for decreasing classroom instruction time; and

43 (ii) the date, time, and location of the hearing; and

44 (b) that is posted or announced:

45 (i) on the school district's or charter school's website;

46 (ii) at each school affected by the decreased classroom instruction time in a location
47 visible to the school community; and

48 (iii) by any other notification system that the local school board or charter school
49 governing board routinely uses to inform the school community of matters relating to the
50 school.

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